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National Preparedness Month **September 13-19 Focus on Hurricanes**

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM) with the theme: **Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today.**

Making a family emergency communication plan is a great way to prepare for disasters, but testing your plan is even better so you'll be familiar with how to respond.

During the week of September 13-19, the focus is on hurricanes. Although, we are not located on the coast, hurricanes can still affect us. In August 2007, Tropical Storm Erin dropped nearly 11 inches of rain and caused six fatalities in Oklahoma. Tropical Storm Bill, June 2015, dropped over 12 inches of rain resulting in major flooding.

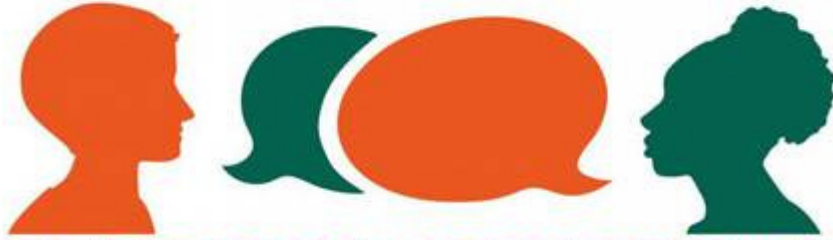
Hurricanes are massive storms that form over water and move toward land. The main threats from hurricanes involve wind and water. This includes strong winds, tornadoes, storm surge, and flooding caused by heavy rainfall.

Next time hurricane rains threaten, have an emergency plan. Evacuate immediately if advised by authorities. Do not cross or drive through roads covered with water. If you are trapped, call 911 and then get to higher ground.

For additional information on what to do when it is flooding, visit
<http://www.community.fema.gov/hazard/flood/be-smart>

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